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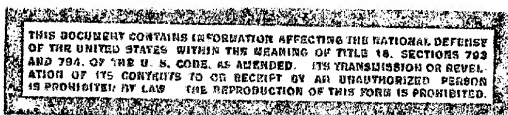
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several hydrological experts, including Boettcher (fnu), would go to West Germany to discuss with authorities in West Germany a large-scale canalization project for the Elbe River, which included the construction of 26 locks. He said that the project was necessary because of the difficult drinking water situation in East Germany. He admitted that it was impossible to carry out the project without financial aid by, and material supplies from, West Germany. He added that the drafts for the project would be completed by 1954 and that model experiments were under way at the research institutes of the State Secretariat, Shipping.

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[redacted] a party member of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) would probably be appointed state secretary for shipping as successor to Erich Wollweber and that then State Secretary Heinz Hess would become first deputy secretary. [redacted] reshuffle would be made in an effort to give bourgeois party members key positions in the state administration system. He called this policy the new course policy of the government.

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State Secretary for State Security Erich Wollweber frequently appeared at the State Secretariat, Shipping, where he had worked previously.

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Comment: Erich Wollweber was State Secretary of Shipping until 25 July 1953 when he was appointed State Secretary of the newly formed State Secretariat of State Security.

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